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## HOMECOMING QUEEN MURPHY AND HER COURT



QUEEN PATSY MURPHY AND HER Court will reign over the Homecoming ceremonies at Northwestern State College on Saturday, November 19. Pictured behind the seal of the College are: Front row, left to right, Jane Brown, Ferriday; Norma Hall, Alexandria; Patsy

Murphy, Queen, Tallulah; Myrna Soileau, Ville Platte; and Mary Miles Byrne, Shreveport.

Back row: Gretchen Martin, Natchitoches; Lilly Waltman, Shreveport; Dorothy Bice, Calvin; Carolyn Foshee, Natchitoches; Betty McCartney, Coushatta; Jane Flory, Bossier City; and Paula Haynes, Haughton.

*For the faculty, staff, students and the entire College community, I extend a cordial invitation to return to the old Hill for the 1955 Homecoming. Put aside your particular bit of modern strenuous living and spend a day relaxing with your classmates, professors, and other friends of yesteryear and today.*

*We feel that this year is a very important one in the development of our College. On November 19 we wish you to come early and stay late in order that you may browse about the campus and see some of the material changes that are taking place. We believe you will agree that these are symbolic of larger considerations: the resurgence of spirit and awareness of vital purpose that have made Northwestern State College one of the great state colleges of our country.*

*We will see and visit with you! Here is an advance handshake!*

JOHN S. KYSER  
President

# HOMECOMING

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## LOUISIANA 'TOURNOI'

Down in Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish, there is staged each year the Louisiana Tournoi, when the predominantly French city of Ville Platte takes on the atmosphere of a twelfth-century English town.

Instead of jousting with lances, as in the olden days, the "knights" put on a demonstration of horsemanship and skill. Riding at full speed, the "knight" must race around a semicircular track and spear as many two-inch rings as possible. The rings hang from seven posts spaced around the track. Each contestant rides around the track three times. The winner is the one who lances the greatest number of rings in the shortest time.

The Tournoi starts off with a parade and all its trimmings—bands, girls, floats, and flowers. And, of course, a Tournoi Queen is elected and crowned for the ceremonies. Crowned queen at the last Tournoi was Miss Myrna Soileau, pictured above, a freshman at Northwestern State this semester.

Incidentally, Miss Soileau was selected as the new Cotton Queen of Louisiana this year. Being crowned queen is no new experience to Miss Soileau, having been named Miss Armistice, Miss Fourth of July, and Miss Ville Platte in addition to being Tournoi Queen and Queen Cotton.

## ALUMNI Here 'n There

Twenty-seven recent R. O. T. C. graduates of N. S. C. assembled together for a dinner party in El Paso this past month for an evening's fun. Wives and children of married members of the group were present also.

Reports of the meeting indicated that it was a most enjoyable affair. The group plans to organize an alumni unit in the near future.

A note from Mrs. W. M. Bryan, Jr., tells that she is now living at 1506 Heatherwood Road, Columbia, South Carolina. Mrs. Bryan is the former Blanche "Jinx" Jines, B.S. '48, of Baton Rouge. She stated: "I really enjoy the *Columns* and look forward to getting it. . . ."

Mr. B. H. Carroll, Class of '99, formerly of DeRidder, has moved to Merryville, and asked that his *Alumni Columns* be sent to him there.

A note from Mrs. C. G. Snoddy, Bunkie, informs us that C. G. Snoddy, Jr., is living at 2343 Front Street, Slidell. C. G. is manager of the Central Louisiana Electric Company's office in Slidell.

Douglas Snoddy, also an N.S.C. graduate, is residing at 3704 Brent-

wood Avenue, Lake Charles, where he is serving as Coordinator for Civil Defense in Lake Charles.

Mrs. Gene F. Vitus, the former Helen Jacobs, B.S. '51, of New Orleans, is now living at 468 West Fifth Street, Eugene, Oregon. She has asked that the *Alumni Columns* be sent to her there.

Louis D. Roberts, A.B. '37, of Baton Rouge, has recently been re-elected President of National League to Promote School Attendance during their 41st Annual Convention in Buffalo, New York.

Robert is the first Louisianian to become president of this organization. He has been serving as Supervisor of Attendance for the Department of Education for several years.

The Visiting Teachers of Louisiana are largely responsible for the continuous census and for improving daily attendance in all schools throughout the State.

As Supervisor of Attendance, Robert and approximately 23 Louisiana Visiting Teachers will make a study entitled "A Positive Community Approach in the Special Needs of Children."

Mrs. Reta B. Kendrick, B.A. '54, former hostess at the Student Center, has accepted a position as teacher in Bastrop.

Mrs. Kendrick has two sons, both of whom are graduates of N. S. C. Her older son, S. A. (Sam) Kendrick, completed his Master's Degree at Peabody College and has met all residence requirements for his doctorate at Harvard. At the present time Sam is Assistant Director of College Entrance Examination Board in New York City, serving under Frank Bowles, Director. Prior to accepting this position, he was stationed in Washington, D. C., where he served as Director of Publications of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards. Another duty at that time was that of editorial assistant for *Journal of Teacher Education*.

Her other son, David, recent graduate from N. S. C., is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. He is now stationed in Inchon, Korea. He recently met Billy Hart and Harrison Young in Seoul, Korea, two of his former schoolmates.

Mrs. Doris Simon Guzman, B.S. in Nursing, '54, of 11129 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, received her Master of Science in Nursing Degree on September 9, 1955, from Western Reserve University

in Cleveland. Mrs. Guzman is the former Doris Simon of Winnsboro

A note from Mrs. William E. Wyatt, 101 Holder Drive, Hurst, Texas, states that her husband has begun his dental practice in Hurst. She says: "We love it here, and eagerly await word from home via the *Columns*."

Mrs. Wyatt is the former Winnie Dowden, B.S. '53, of Cypress, Louisiana.

Mr. Randall A. Detro, B.S. '52, of Harmon, has accepted the position of Head Librarian at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina. He served as Librarian at Northeast Louisiana State College in Monroe prior to moving to Mars Hill. He holds the M.S. in L.S. Degree from Louisiana State University.

Incidentally, Detro moved into his new position just as a new library building was completed. The building provides space for 75,000 volumes, plus adequate room for expansion. He has staff of three assistants plus student help.

Mrs. Frances Rue Henry, B.S. '55, of Natchitoches, has accepted a position as Library Assistant with the Department of the Army Overseas Affairs Division. Mrs. Henry will be stationed in Japan where she has been assigned for two years.

Mr. Roland P. Garret, B.S. '54, is now living at Bandera, Texas, where he is teaching science and is also basketball coach. He says it is wonderful western country.

## LOOSE ENDS

Not enough space for everything, so a few pot shots at some we intended to include in this issue.

Demons defeated Louisiana College 34-7, were nosed out by Thibodaux in a thriller, 21-20, lost to Howard Payne 12-7, and defeated Northeast 28-7. Basketball and gymnastic schedule will be in next issue.

Alexandria Alumni met October 8; Calcasieu Alumni met November 1; and the Baton Rouge Alumni meet at Mike and Tori's November 10.

See you at Homecoming. Come in Varnado 8:30-11:00; Parade at 10:45; Alumni meeting in Little Theater 11:30; Alumni luncheon in Student Center 12:00; Re-Game ceremonies at 2:00; Game at 2:30; and Homecoming ball 9:00-12:00.



## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Grady F. Howell, 20 East Slattery, Shreveport, are the proud parents of a daughter, Dawn, born August 18.

Mrs. Howell is the former Mary Frances Crump, a graduate of Scott and White Hospital School of Nursing at Temple, Texas. Mr. Howell, A.B. '50, is presently employed as Division Manager for Tube-Kote, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Latham, Jr., of Ferriday, announce the arrival of a lovely daughter, Jill, on March 21. The Lathams have another daughter, Dianne, age 2.

Mrs. Latham is the former Edith Harver, B.S. '51.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brabham of Atlanta, Texas, announce the arrival of a son, Joseph Oliver Brabham, Jr., on September 26. Mrs. Brabham is the former Imogene Beach, B.S. '54, of Vivian.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wyatt of Hurst, Texas, announce the arrival of a son, William E. Wyatt, Jr., on September 23. The mother is the former Winnie Dowden, B.S. '54, of Cypress.

Pfc. and Mrs. James O. Howard (Jeanette Methvin) of Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, North Carolina, are the proud parents of a daughter, Kim, born on August 2. Both the parents are former students at the College.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Richie of 47 Sherwood, Shreveport, announce the arrival of twin sons, Allen Duane and Winston Gregg, on May 5. The mother is the for-

mer Elizabeth Woodall, B.A. '50. The Richies have another son, Charles Vernon, age 7.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson of 2960 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, have announced the arrival of a son, Stephen Pine, on May 16. The mother is the former Dorris Jeanne Pine, B.S. '51, of Natchitoches and Baton Rouge.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Owen of Alexandria, have announced the arrival of a son, Michael Scott, born May 31, in Austin, Texas. The mother is the former Dorothy Ann Nelken, ex '52, of Natchitoches.

Mr. and Mrs. Romaine Russell of 725-D Woolsey Courts, U. S. N. A. S., Pensacola, Florida, have announced the arrival of a son, Robert Mark, on July 7. The mother is the former Patsy Shehane of Natchitoches. Both parents are former students at N. S. C.

Zane and Bobbie Beasley of Baton Rouge are the proud parents of a son, Richard Eugene, who arrived on August 25. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 7 ozs.

## Cupid's Doings

Miss Shirley Youngblood of Beeville, Texas, and EMMETT A. POWELL, JR., of Natchitoches, B.S. '51, were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church of Beeville, on August 13, with Rev. B. C. Brown officiating.

They are now living at 205 West Inez Street, Beeville.

MISS EMILY WILLIS, B.S. '50,  
(Continued on Page 4)

## FRESHMAN CHEROKEE NURSING STUDENT



## Brown-McConathy Named Co-Captains

Dick Brown, Junior of Converse, and George McConathy, Senior of Bryceland, have been elected as co-captains of the Demon basketball team for the 1955-1956 season.

The only two regular starters from last year's G. S. C. co-champions, Brown and McConathy will lead the Demons through a tough schedule of 27 games, which will bring them into competition with some of the fastest basketball clubs in the central, south and southwestern part of the country.

In addition to the regular schedule, the Demons will defend their title at the Midwestern Tournament at Terre Haute, Indiana. They have won the tournament for the past two successive years, a feat no other team has been able to accomplish.

With the loss of such outstanding players as Bill Collinsworth, Murray "Sister" Walker, and James Thomas, all regular starters last year, the Demons will depend largely upon freshmen and sophomore replacements. Coach Thomas will have a veteran in Lavelle "Loopy" Langston, who played a great deal of basketball last year. Should Langston show as much improvement this year as he showed last season, he will be one of the most valuable players.

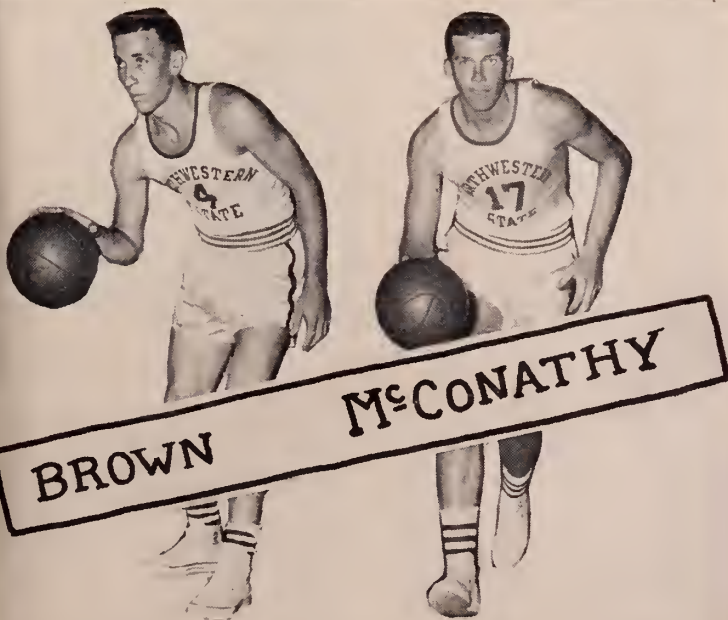
Descendants of early Natchitochesians who settled this historic spot 241 years ago in the year 1714, have nothing on Miss Ernestine Walkingstick, freshman nursing student from the Cherokee reservation in North Carolina.

Miss Walkingstick can say, as the famed Will Rogers said when confronted with some visitors who boasted about their ancestors coming over on the Mayflower: "We met them when they got off the boat."

A descendant of the only "real" Americans, Miss Walkingstick was awarded a scholarship made possible by a spectacular drama of the Cherokees presented each summer in Mountainside Theater, an outdoor theater in a natural bowl with near-perfect acoustics which seats about 3,000 people.

The drama, "Unto These Hills," by Kermit Hunter, is performed nightly from June 25 until Labor Day each year by the Cherokee Historical Association "to perpetuate the History and Traditions of the Cherokee Indian." The profits from the performance are used for scholarships and for improvements of the reservation.

No, Miss Walkingstick does not speak Cherokee. Neither she nor her three brothers and two sisters were taught Cherokee, the native tongue of her parents. From their childhood they have been taught to speak English, and she speaks it well.





## BRUCE WILLIS



Pictured above is Bruce Willis, six-year-old son of Captain and Mrs. Albert C. Willis, as he stands beside their European car. The trailer just behind the car is the Willis home while he is stationed in France.

Willis stated that he had received his last copy of the Alumni Columns from Bruce Rascoe, B.S. '43, who is also stationed in France.

On a recent TDY trip to Wiesbaden, Germany, Willis met up with Bert Hill, an N. S. C. graduate. Hill is attached to the U. S. A. F. Hospital in Wiesbaden.

Mailing address of Willis is: Captain Albert C. Willis, USAF Hqs., 388th M & S Group, APO 87, New York, N. Y.

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## **Cupid's Doings—**

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of Doyline, and James A. Kell, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, were married on October 3 in the Noel Memorial Methodist Church of Shreveport, with Rev. Lawrence Gilbert officiating at the ceremony.

The couple will make their home in Shreveport.

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MISS HARRIET DIANNE LACOUR, B.M.E. '51, of Alexandria, and James Larry Dyson were married in Calvary Baptist Church of Alexandria, on October 15.

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Miss Ruby Lee Wimberly and J. M. RUSSELL, JR., former student, both of Shreveport, were married September 8 at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, with the pastor, Dr. John J. Rasmussen, officiating.

The couple will be at home in Shreveport.

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MISS NINA JEAN PUGH, former student of Minden, and ARTHUR H. HORTON, student at the College from Ferriday, were united in marriage in St. Paul's Catholic Church of Minden, on September 4, with the Rev. M. L. Plauche officiating at the ceremony.

The groom served two years in the U. S. Navy aboard the destroyer "U.S.S. Silverstein" during the Korean conflict. The young couple will be at home in Natchitoches.

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MISS JO ANN DE BATE, B.S. '51, of Bunkie, and Robert Lee Lane of Shreveport, were married October 8 in Bunkie, with the Rev. John J. Rasmussen of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church of Shreveport officiating.

The couple will make their home in Shreveport.

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MISS DORA ANNE POWELL, B.S. '50, of Natchitoches, and Dr. Alexander John Erickson of Maplewood, New Jersey, were united in marriage on September 10 in the Old Lemee House in Natchitoches. The Rev. Perry F. Webb officiated the ceremony.

The young couple are living at Mayfield Manor, 3242 North 17th Street, Philadelphia 40, Pennsylvania.

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MISS BOBBYE HALE, B.A. '50, of Colfax, and Lt. (j. g.) Victor Billy Scott, U. S. N. R., were married in the First Methodist Church of Colfax, with Rev. Clark W. Bell officiating at the ceremony of August 6.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

From November 10, 1954, through October 25, 1955

### **BALANCE SHEET**

October 25, 1955

#### **ASSETS**

##### **Current:**

Cash in Bank		
on October 25, 1955 ..	\$ 2,021.11	
Stocks and Bonds		
Progressive Mutual		
B. & L. Ass'n .....	\$1,300.00	
First Federal		
Savings & Loan Ass'n..	8,700.00	
U. S. Treasury Bonds ....	3,500.00	13,500.00
Notes Receivable .....	8,981.27	
		<u>\$24,502.3</u>
Fixed Assets:		
Furniture and Fixtures ....	2,150.00	
George Williamson Museum	25,000.00	
		<u>27,150.0</u>
Other Funds:		
Annie Laurie Pujos		5,000.0
Scholarship Fund .....		<u>\$56,652.3</u>

#### **LIABILITIES**

##### **Current:**

Annie Laurie Pujos		
Scholarship Fund		
Cash for Distribution ...	615.06	
Endowment Securities ...	5,000.00	
		<u>5,615.0</u>
Surplus (Including Museum)		51,037.3
		<u>\$56,652.3</u>

### **STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**

Cash in Bank on Nov. 10, 1954 ..	\$ 1,009.08	
RECEIPTS		
Collection on Loans .....	\$ 843.50	
Interest and Dividends .....	539.45	
Alumni Dues .....	167.00	
Annie L. Pujos		
Scholarship Fund .....	200.00	
Transfer from		
Veterans Loan Fund .....	1,249.50	2,999.45
EXPENDITURES		
Loans .....	1,475.00	
American Alumni Council		
Membership (2 yrs.) .....	70.00	
Board of Directors Expense ..	154.92	
Expense of Sec'y to A. A. C.		
(Bretton Woods, N. H.) ...	200.00	
Premium on Surety Bond ....	7.50	
Open House and		
Coffee at L. E. A. ....	80.00	1,987.12
Cash in Bank October 25, 1955 ..	2,021.11	
		<u>\$ 4,008</u>

The above statement of the financial condition of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association, together with the statement of receipts and expenditures of money since November 10, 1954, is published in this issue of the ALUMNI COLUMNS by direction of Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, and reveals a true and correct statement of the affairs of the Association as represented by the records in the office of the alumni secretary and the bank statement.

LEROY S. MILLER, Secretary-Treasurer









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